ÚNITED STATES PATENT AND TRÁDEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Paulus Cornelis Maria VAN EIJCK et al.

Continuation-in-part of S.N. 09/125,363

Filed October 30, 2000

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A FRIED FOODSTUFF

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part copending application Serial No. 09/125,363, filed September 1, 1998, -

Page 3, line 15, after "pressure" second occurrence insert --drop--;

line 17, cancel "less".

Respectfully submitted,

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